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TRUCK-GROWERS TO MEET HERE SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Meeting Called for Purpse of Preparing
to Maaket Crops Raised This Year.
Courthouse, 2 p. m., Tomorrow

Truck growers of the vicinity are called to meet again Saturday afternoon in the courthouse, at 2 p. m., to form some plan and organization to promote truck growing here and the marketing of the few crops that will be raised this season. An effort was made to organize last Saturday but the purpose was not sufficiently advertised to bring out a good attendance. Every farmer who is in any way identified with truck growing or who is in a position to engage in the business should bear this meeting in mind and strive to be present.

Truck farming is the most remunerative department of farming which can be followed with the exception of dairying, but it requires considerable skill and industry to engage in it properly and profitably. This promises to be a banner year for farming in early land and the sandy land farmers will never have a better opportunity to test the rare adaptability of this section to the practice of truck growing and shipping. Considerable progress has been made by the various meetings and efforts which have been prosecuted in behalf of the subject during the last two or three years. Those who have been interested have continued to give the matter unlimited thought and attention and are now better prepared than ever to give the management end of it the expert and skilful attention the business demands.

Taking this last in view, together with the promising crop season, it would be a serious misfortune for the community not to make a serious endeavor to put the matter to a test this year. Every farmer who owns a

truck field is situated admirably to make a practice of truck growing and he is overlooking his opportunities and proving derelict to his business as a farmer not to put his best efforts forward to make this side of farming a success.

The business men of Decatur are also dutifully concerned in the fate of the enterprise. It is a responsibility they owe to their business welfare, to increase so far as they can the potential buying power of their patrons. For their benefit some rather rough estimates of what truck farming might mean to the business interests of Decatur, as exhibited at the meeting last Saturday, are here reproduced. Say there are 300 sandy land farmers within the trade territory of Decatur; say that 150 of them can be induced to plant 10 acres each in truck crops for commercial marketing. This makes 1500 acres. Seventy five dollars per acre return on the land is a conservative expectation in yield—conservative because \$500 and \$600 have been derived elsewhere by skilful growers and shippers; 1500 acres at \$75 would put over \$100,000 in circulation in this community. As time passes and experience increases and more farmers engage in the business, the returns would continue to increase and multiply. This would be almost a clear gain, as this ten acre truck patch would not interfere materially with the planting and growing of the usual staple crops by the individual farmer. These last are some thoughts for the business men at Decatur who should have some representatives at the meeting of the farmers' scheduled for next Saturday, 2 p. m.

Lynch Meets Prosecutor.

On being introduced to Pat Lynch, manager of the Cicero Smith Lumber yard, Mr. Ladd, the new secretary of the commercial club remarked, "I knew a Pat Lynch is Missouri—no, his name was Curt Lynch." Pat answered, "That was my father." Mr. Ladd then asked, "Well, do you remember J. Linn Ladd?" With his usual Irish emphasis Pat replied, "I guess I do; that scoundrel prosecuted me once for disturbing a singing school." Then they shook hands again and jollied each other afresh. It seems that as an incident to his preparation for the newspaper business Mr. Ladd took a course in a law school, and while he was in Washington discharging the duties of clerk to the committee on banking and currency his people back home nominated and elected him county attorney. Pat was then a small boy, even fuller of energy than now, and the surplus just had to effervesce; and, like the safety valve of a steam engine, Pat's effervescing steam would occasionally pop off at inopportune times; hence the disturbance and the resulting prosecution. The Messenger hoped to get up a scrap of some sort between Pat and Mr. Ladd and by this means get a story of why they left the "show me" state, but they thwarted our little scheme by getting together and forming a defensive alliance.

Stolen Horses Recovered

The horses belonging to Rev. Isbell and Jim Mecaskey, stolen sometime last October, have been located at Austin. Sheriff Faith receiving a telephone message from the sheriff of Travis county to that effect. The Isbell horse had been sold to a farmer living near Austin, and the Mecaskey animal was located in a neighborhood out from the city.

The man who will be charged with taking the horses from here cannot be brought back at this time, as the Travis county official states he is under indictment in that county.

Sheriff Faith left yesterday afternoon for Austin.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Decatur district conference M. E. Church South is to convene at Alvord next Thursday at 8 p. m. Rev. A. R. Nash is to preach the opening sermon. Bishop E. D. Mouzon is to preach Friday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. A large attendance from Wise, Jack and Montague counties is expected. Many are to go from Decatur on Friday to hear the bishop, who has the reputation of being a learned and eloquent preacher.

New Secretary

At a meeting of the board of directors of the commercial club, held Tuesday afternoon in the editorial room of the Messenger, the following being present, W. A. Helm, J. Warren Lillard, Frank Timberlake, Tom Ball, D. J. Moss, C. C. Jones, Otis Bailey, Dick Collins, the application of Mr. J. A. Ladd for the club's secretaryship was accepted. Mr. Ladd comes from San Angelo and the numerous splendid recommendations he has say he is the man the club has been looking for. He is man with a store of experience in the work necessary for making our town and community bigger and more prosperous.

Puts End to Bad Habit

Things never look bright to one with "the blues." Ten to one the trouble is a sluggish liver, filling the system with bilious poison, that Dr. King's New Life Pills would expel. Try them. Let the joy of better feelings end "the blues." Best for stomach, liver and kidneys. 25c. Ford & Thomason.

When a medicine must be given to young children it should be pleasant to take. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is made from loaf sugar, and the roots used in its preparation give it a flavor similar to maple syrup, making it pleasant to take. It has no superior for colds, croup and whooping cough. For sale by all druggists.

\$17,000 RAISED ON COLLEGE FUND; \$8,000 YET TO COME

Now Is the Time For Every Citizen to
Come to the Aid of this Good Town;
Help Boost the Fund to \$25,000

The soliciting committees, who are raising the fund for rebuilding the Baptist college dormitory and finishing the other buildings, had up to noon yesterday secured subscriptions to the amount of \$17,000. The gentlemen are still at work, and hope to finish up the \$25,000 during this week.

With \$8,000 still to raise, it behooves every citizen of the town and country to come up with liberal donations. Decatur is up against a proposition of raising the full amount, or stand the chance of losing this great school. If Decatur does not feel the importance of coming to the relief of the school in the amount called for, which is exceedingly reasonable, we cannot expect to have the co-operation promised by the Baptist educational commission. By raising the \$25,000 we are to secure \$40,000 additional from the state board, making \$65,000 in all, an amount that would put the school in first-class condition and secure it for Decatur for all time. It is a time when the Decatur spirit should assert itself; when every citizen should gladly contribute liberally to an enterprise which means so much to this town.

We must not fall down on the proposition. We simply cannot afford to do so. If you have not subscribed, see the committee at once.

Mission Society

The Home Mission Society met at 2:30 Monday afternoon with president in chair. 8th chapter of 1st Corinthians was read in concert. Songs 163 and 33 were sung. Prayer by Mrs. W. W. Williams; 9 members present. Forward movement quiz was read and answered by Mrs. J. P. Williams. Dues for quarter collected; report of parsonage committee in regard to building bath room at parsonage was discussed and decided to have one made at once. Moved and seconded that the press reporter send an article to the Christian Advocate once a quarter. Good report by agent for our paper "The Missionary Voice." 19 visits to strangers and sick, 9 garments given to poor. Circle No. 2 will have the Saturday market this Saturday at Mr. Dallas' store, hrs. 10 to 12. Closed by repeating scripture verse. MRS. W. L. RUSH, Press Reporter.

Methodist Church

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Special Easter music at the 11 o'clock service. An Easter service at 8 p. m. conducted by the Junior league. We hope to have a good attendance at all these services. The revival meeting will begin the second Sunday in April. All the pastors and their congregations are cordially invited to co-operate with us in the meeting. We extend an invitation to every body to attend the meeting. A. R. NASH, Pastor.

Farm Loans

Lots of money to loan on improved farms; long time; easy payments; low rate of interest. We also represent a reliable bonding company, and are prepared to furnish official, surety or administrators bonds on short notice. GOSE BROS.

Here is a Remedy
that will Cure Skin
and Scalp Affections
AND WE CAN PROVE IT.

The Ford & Thomason Drug Store says to every person be it man, woman or child who has an irritated, tender, inflamed, itching skin or scalp, you need not suffer another day. "We have a refined skin preparation that acts instantly and will bring you swift and sure results."

One warm bath with Zemo soap and one application of Zemo and you will not suffer another moment and you will soon see a cure in sight.

Zemo and Zemo soap are proven cures for every form of skin or scalp affection. They are sold by one leading druggist in every city or town in America and in Decatur by Ford & Thomason's Drug Store.

LOCALS

Miss S. E. Clark this week tendered her resignation as teacher of the fifth grade in the Decatur public schools. Miss Clark left at once to accept a more lucrative position in Amarillo. This splendid young lady has made an excellent instructor in our schools, and her many friends here regret to have her leave. Miss Davilla Lynch has been teaching the fifth grade until Miss Clark's successor is elected.

You will never regret using Light Crust flour because it's the best. You get it from Moore & Smith.

Why pay the high price for your tailor work when you can have the same work done at the Red Store for less money.

The Messenger has been rushed to the limit this week; besides doing the regular amount of work necessary to publish the best newspaper in Wonderful Wise, we have been making arrangements to install new machinery for the office. Owing to a limited space heretofore the Messenger has been somewhat handicapped in trying to handle all the local news, but when we get our new machinery installed and the paper enlarged we ask our friends to be liberal in sending in reports of social gatherings of all kinds, club meetings, personals, etc., all going to make the "pioneer paper" the peoples' favorite. No trouble to answer the phones.

The Sunday afternoon meetings of the men's religion and forward movement continue to grow in interest. Last Sunday a large crowd was present and the session was a very beneficial one. On Monday night the special committees under the six departments of work met at the Methodist church, when the work of the organization was outlined, and the work more thoroughly discussed. The greatest enthusiasm was in evidence, and all the committees are anxious to get into the work. All men and boys of all churches are cordially invited to attend the meeting at Woodman hall next Sunday afternoon at 2:45.

H. O. Bowman and wife will leave here about the 15th to take up their residence in Cleburne, Mr. Bowman having accepted a position with a large dry goods firm in that city. Mr. Bowman is one of the most popular dress goods salesmen in the city and for the past four years has been at the head of that department at the Red Store. He is a courteous, affable fellow and a gentleman at all times. "Bo" and his estimable wife have many warm friends in Decatur who will regret to learn of their leaving the city. Mrs. Bowman is an experienced musician and one of the best piano instructors in this section of the state. May an abundance of success attend this splendid couple in their new home.

LIBERTY

J. B. Moore of Electra, visited his father, Frank Moore, last week.

Miss Ethel Moore visited friends on Oliver last week.

Misses Mattie Baits and Maud Gililand of Oak Grove, visited Mrs. Will Renshaw Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomason of Decatur, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives here.

The box supper at Sweetwater Saturday night was a success and was greatly enjoyed by all.

J. F. Meek and wife went to Arlington last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Meek's father.

Mrs. Lanham Gentry and children spent last week with Mrs. Gentry's parents at Pleasant Grove.

J. C. Davis and children have been entertaining the mumps.

The Danger After Grip

lies often in a run-down system. Weakness, nervousness, lack of appetite, energy and ambition, with disordered liver and kidneys often follow an attack of this wretched disease. The greatest need then is Electric Bitters, the glorious tonic, blood purifier and regulator of stomach, liver and kidneys. Thousands have proved that they wonderfully strengthened the nerves, build up the system and restore to health and good spirits after an attack of the grip. If suffering, try them. Only 50c. Sold and satisfaction guarantee by Ford & Thomason.

Notice to Republicans

All G. A. R. men and Republicans of Wise county are requested to meet at the courthouse, 2 p. m. Saturday, April 13, for the purpose of organizing a Taft club. D. F. DAVIS.

Twenty Years Ago

April 2, 1892.—The rock which is being delivered for the Baptist college at this place are said to be the largest of the kind ever used in like manner.

David W. Frazer announces for tax collector.

Col. Beville has bought the Coney Island saloon.

Decatur has received 17,150 bales of cotton this season, 6,350 more than last season.

April 9.—Alec Walden announces for re-election to the office of constable.

The Denton Monitor of last week reported Mrs. R. M. Collins and Mrs. H. C. Ferguson both quite sick, but convalescent. Both ladies are well known here.

They say Tom McClure came out a hundred dollars or so ahead on our city election last Tuesday.

City election results: M. L. Martin, attorney; L. T. Owens, marshal; I. V. Jolly, treasurer; aldermen, S. L. Benham, S. A. McDonald, J. P. Terrell.

Capt. Paddock was elected mayor of Ft. Worth on last Tuesday.

It Looks Like a Crime

to separate a boy from a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. His pimples, boils, scratches, knocks, sprains and bruises demand it, and its quick relief for burns, scalds or cuts is his light. Keep it handy for boys, also girls. Heals everything healable and does it quick. Unequalled for piles. Only 25c at Ford & Thomason's.

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Mr. Advertiser, Circulation Counts With You

In Decatur's Trade Territory it is the Messenger with the Purchasing Public

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Messenger will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publishers.

Senator Bob Taylor died Sunday in Washington.

Have you read Ramsey's opening speech? If not, get it, read it.

Josh Billings says: "Rise early, work hard and late, live on what you can't sell, give nothing away, and if you don't die rich—and go to the devil—you may sue me for damages."

The Messenger gladly planks down its gift to the fund for a bigger and better Baptist college. It is not anything like the amount we would like to give for the upbuilding of one of the grandest institutions in the state, but at this particular time we are putting out a considerable roll of the long green on improvements in our printing plant.

Some of our exchanges from up the Denver are a little severe in their criticism of the grand jury that indicted Norris, the Fort Worth Baptist preacher. If the jury was drawn before the crimes, for which the minister is charged, were committed, our contemporaries could be mistaken in saying the jury was fixed for the purpose.

These are the town's big institutions that are "dabbing down" for a bigger and better Decatur Baptist College: City National bank, Helm, Ward & Dillehay, Lillard & Co., Mississippi store, Red store, Jones Dry Goods Co., Gunn's drug store, Man & Simmons, Lillard Milling Co. and the First National Bank. And the smaller business concerns are doing handsomely, too.

Our old friend, Col. C. W. Geers, whose name for forty years stood at the mast head of the Denton Monitor, is a candidate for land commissioner. Denton county will do this year as it has done in the past—vote almost unanimously for the old "war horse" who has a personal acquaintance with almost every man, woman and child in Denton county.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

The state democratic executive committee, overwhelmingly for Harmon, was afraid to submit the question to the people. Is it the intention of this crew of politicians to deliver the electoral of Texas to Harmon, regardless of what the people say? How long are the political affairs of this state to be ruled by men like Sheb Williams and his crowd?

Let Montague county select her candidate for the senate and Wise and Denton will rally to his support. It is up to Montague to hold a "preference primary" and give the other counties making up the district the right to make her choice the choice of the district. The candidate in Montague opposing this long established rule in this senatorial district must be weak-kneed and entertaining hopes of being put over by some ism long since relegated to the political scrap heap. Make your selection, Montague.

Next Sunday, being the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox of the 21st of March, is Easter. This great festival is in honor of Eostra, the ancient goddess of spring, and has been celebrated now continuously for over four thousand years. The day when every one of us, from mother earth herself to the last of her children, casts off the old raiment of the old year and comes out gloriously arrayed in new attire. Woe be unto you, if you are found with an old hat on this new day. The

pity of forty centuries will be yours if you are caught wearing an old suit or an old gown. The clothing, dry goods, boots, shoes, hats, and millinery carried by the Decatur merchants look fittin' for the gods. Tog up.

Messenger believes the citizenship of Decatur is ready to vote for bond issue to erect a new and modern public school building. We know some of our heaviest tax payers are in favor of the bond issue. Let's get busy for the new building.

It is loathsome to the Messenger to see a man, a freeborn Tezan, surrender his principles of political belief and action to the private and ulterior uses of a political machine or faction. These kind of gentry, with four shining exceptions, assembled at Dallas the other day when the members of the Texas democratic executive committee convened apparently for the purpose of taking the preliminary steps to deliver the state's presidential vote to Harmon. But there were present four shining exceptions who retained a clear balance of mind and a strong grip on their independent powers of manhood who, by their votes, refused to be a party to so flagrant a denial of common justice as to refuse to permit the citizenship of Texas to pass in a preferential primary on its choice for president. Among these shining dissenters we are gratified and thankful to announce was our own Hon. R. E. Carswell of Decatur, able representative of the 31st senatorial district on the executive committee. The Messenger raises aloft its loud shout in commendation of Mr. Carswell's honorable, independent and courageous action.

Every town has an ambition to become a trade center and a boom city, many times with no special natural features or geographical advantages. Decatur has such ambitions, but her opportunities are to a degree limited. Under such conditions as exist here, what is most needed are enterprises instigated and fostered by local capitalists. They must make the advance in the uncertain field of development. They must capitalize the small factories and see that they are kept employed. We have some of these local enterprises, and we need still more. When the local business is finally developed and proves to the world that it is successful, then outside enterprises will more likely step in to enjoy our prosperity. Just like a fellow who finds a favorite fishing hole and begins to land the fish—then all the other fishermen who see his success will drop their hooks right by the side of the lucky fisherman. The business men should not expect outsiders to build up our town. They must get together and pull together for Decatur's vital interests, and thereby prove to other people and enterprises that they can succeed here. No outsider will want to cast his hook in our fishing hole until we prove they can catch fish.

Charles Dillon, teacher of Industrial Journalism in the Kansas Agricultural college, is trying to get the advertising habit. He says: "Why don't you advertise, Mr. Farmer? Get a name for your farm and then advertise your farm by that name. Suppose you choose the name Fairview. Then buy under the name Fairview, sell under the name of Fairview, have your butter marked Fairview, print Fairview on your berry boxes and have eggs marked Fairview, and paint Fairview on your wagon boxes. It won't be long before the name of your farm is known and the people will be calling for your products. The town merchant advertises and the farmer can just as well advertise his butter, eggs and produce."

Col. Geers Endorsed.

Quite a number of Col. Chas. W. Geers' friends met at the courthouse Saturday afternoon and endorsed his candidacy for state land commissioner. John H. Cates was elected chairman and Dick Collins secretary of the meeting. The following resolutions were offered by a committee composed of L. D. Ratliff, H. M. Foster and Frank J. Ford: Whereas, the Hon. C. W. Geers, an honorable soldier of the Lost Cause, is a candidate for land commissioner of the state of Texas, against John W. Robins who is seeking a third-term election; and whereas, for more than forty years Col. Geers has been a citizen of our neighbor county, Denton, and being an honorable, upright man in every meaning of the words, a true royal democrat of the good old faith, a valiant knight in the fight for civic righteousness and purity in politics, honest and capable; therefore be it Resolved, that this gathering of Wise county citizens heartily endorse the candidacy of Col. Geers and recommend him to the voters of Texas.

One Way to Advertise.

A man went into the office of the comptroller of the currency in Washington last week, thoroughly mad, because he had received in his mail a perfectly good check to his order, drawn on a real bank, for real money. He wanted to know if there wasn't "some way to stop this thing."

The officers of the department told him there was not; that anybody who had money in a bank had a right to draw checks against it payable to anybody at his pleasure.

The bank on which the check was drawn was fairly buried under literally bushels of other checks of the same sort which people brought in to be cashed. The man who drew the checks has a considerable account with the bank, which explains why the bank officers dissembled their real feelings.

The checks were for five cents each and went through the mail to hundreds of Washington people with a request to "spend his nickel for coffee" and visit the giver's place of business.—Commercial Union.

The Texas Welfare Commission

The Commission Will Review the Industrial Life of State.

The Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association, recognizing that a wholesome public sentiment is the most powerful asset that a state or nation can possess, has launched the Welfare Commission for the purpose of providing the people with dependable information essential to a more intelligent analysis of economic conditions, to the end that our citizenship as a whole may be able to more readily distinguish lines of industry conducive to its progress and to more easily recognize and maintain public policies which promote the general welfare of the people.

This body of men will sit as a tribunal reviewing the material life of State and there will pass before it for inspection some of the grandest, the most stupendous and some of the saddest events in 20th century civilization.

In this line of march will be seen the Texas farmer hauling \$425,000,000 per annum of raw material to the foreign factory—forming a procession that will reach from the earth to the moon; the Texas cowboy will be there driving a herd of sixteen million head of live stock to the market. Our lumber mills loading a hundred thousand cars of their products for the factories of the North and East and millions of dollars of other products will pass on their journey to the factory.

More important than the mighty current of commerce that is sweeping our raw material from our State is the mute pleading of our powerful resources for an opportunity to pour a golden stream of wealth into the channels of trade. We have less than one fifth of our area under cultivation; our mineral wealth is sleeping undisturbed; our cotton factories can handle only one bale of cotton out of every seventy produced. The opening of the Panama Canal will flood us with a new world of opportunities and we have many possibilities yet undeveloped.

The return of the tide of commerce brings with it from the foreign factory \$100,000,000 of finished products per annum and we ship in seventy-five million dollars of feed stuff per annum, 5,200 carloads of cured meats per annum, 2,000 cars of canned goods and \$25,000,000 of miscellaneous items, all of which can and should be produced and manufactured in Texas.

Our rockers are strong and comfortable



DEAR AMY:—You've asked me where to buy your furniture. I'll tell you. Go where I do. Why, do you know, when John and I were married, papa bought us a set of furniture for a present from Helm, Ward & Dillehay. Not a single piece of it has broken, nor has any of the varnish cracked, and here it is, several years from our wedding day.

You and Bob just must run over to see us.

Always lovingly,

LOU.

P. S.—Of course you'll buy that new rocker you need from

Helm, Ward & Dillehay
Decatur, Texas

JOE E. LANCASTER

of Plainview, Texas

Candidate for

Congressman-at-Large

Subject to action of Democratic primaries.

"More business in politics and less politics in business"

To the Voters of Texas:—The chamber of commerce of Plainview, Texas, unanimously indorse the candidacy of Judge Lancaster for congressman-at-large and ask to support him for the following reasons:

First—Because we know him to be honest, capable and energetic.

Second—Because the panhandle and west Texas, in the last decade, have furnished a larger rate of increase in rural population than any other section of the state, and by reason of this fact, we think, should have one of the two congressmen to be elected at large.

Third—Because Judge Lancaster announced first and had been actively campaigning for months before any other candidate announced from this section, and in all fairness should have precedence over any candidate from the panhandle.

Hoping you will support him as the panhandle candidate, we are respectfully,

Plainview Chamber of Commerce

Advertisement

Must Believe It

When Well-known Decatur People Tell It So Plainly

When public endorsement is made by a representative citizen of Decatur the proof is positive. You must believe it. Read this testimony. Every backache sufferer, every man, woman or child with a kidney trouble will find profit in the reading. T. L. McConnell, blacksmith, Decatur, Texas, says: "About a year and a half ago I was hurt while shoeing a horse and my kidneys were affected. I went to Ford & Thomason's drug

store and asked for a good kidney medicine. They told me to try Doan's Kidney Pills and I must say that this remedy did me a world of good. I used two boxes and was entirely cured. I have had no occasion to take a kidney medicine since then and can therefore highly recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to any one suffering from kidney complaint."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50c. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Fresh oysters every day at Valentine's.

PREACHER HAS RETIRED TO WORK FOR MISSIONS

Dr. Sanford P. Cresap, who for 20 years has been one of the most prominent members of the Missouri conference of the Southern Methodist church, has retired from conference work to manage his farm of 4,000 acres in the extreme south-western corner of Iowa, and to devote much of his time and means to evangelistic and mission work without such compensation.

At the time of resigning from the conference, Cresap was president elder of the St. Joseph district of the M. E. Church, South, and prior to that he had served three years as pastor of the Francis Street Methodist church here, the largest Southern Methodist congregation in northwest Missouri.

The immense tract of land which Cresap will hereafter manage was inherited by his wife from her father, the late Moses U. Payne, who also was a Southern Methodist preacher. It is in the rich Missouri river bottom, where crops never fail. Two thousand acres are in grass and hay, 1,500 acres is used for corn and there are wheat fields comprising 500 acres. He gives his personal attention to the management of the place, particularly to the feeding and breeding of stock, and a few days ago he accompanied several carloads of cattle to the St. Joseph market, where he sold them.

Cresap's motives in retiring from regular ministerial work were purely altruistic. For a number of years he has been deeply interested in foreign missions and he and his wife have been supporting a missionary in China. In 1908 he accompanied the late Bishop Seth Ward of Texas upon a tour of missions in the orient, and it was then that he made up his mind that he could do more good by devoting his time and energies to his business affairs and giving more of his means for that branch of church work. He is arranging to send several more missionaries to the far eastern field at his own expense.

It is not Dr. Cresap's purpose to give up preaching entirely. He will preach in country churches and school-houses, where there are no regular pastors, and he is giving earnest support to Valley Farm church, adjacent to his land, founded by his father-in-law, and which bears the distinction of being the "farthest north Southern Methodist church." Of course, he will accept no pay for preaching, but, on the contrary, purposes building up at his personal expense congregations and church houses in such localities as he thinks need them.

Cresap is a native of Missouri, having been born on a farm in St. Charles county, 42 years ago. He is a curator of Central college at Fayette, Mo., where he received the degree of D.D. last June. He is chairman of the board of trustees of the conference fund, for the benefit of the superannuated Southern Methodist preachers, of the Missouri conference, which now contains nearly \$100,000. These offices he will retain.

While pastor at Columbia, Mo., he built a \$36,000 church. He spent a year, in 1901, in study in the American School of Classics in Rome, during which time he visited, with his wife, the Holy Land, Egypt, Turkey and Greece, devoting much time to the art galleries.

Dr. Cresap is preparing to build a handsome residence in Nebraska City, Neb., just across the Missouri river from his land, next spring, and he will make that place his permanent home.

STANDARD OIL'S VICE- PRESIDENT WELL FITTED

The election of William E. Bemis as vice-president and director of the Standard Oil company of New York has brought into greater prominence a career which has been remarkable in the annals of the oil world. His extraordinary executive ability and keen insight into all questions pertaining to the oil industry make him eminently well fitted for his present office.



Mr. Bemis was born in Cleveland, O., in 1864, and completed his academic education there, entering the service of the Standard Oil company in 1882. He organized the statistical department of the company and became interested in foreign trade relations, making numerous journeys to India, Burma, Java, Japan, and China. In 1896 Mr. Bemis married Miss Frances Lavinia Ford in Cleveland, and now resides in Larchmont, N. Y. He is an enthusiastic

sportsman and possesses a unique collection of trophies gathered from all parts of the world.

Looked Like a Mixup.

Bingo—It's curious how these bond houses get the idea that a fellow has a few hundred dollars. Now I never bought a bond in my life, but I'm always receiving letters from La Salle street firms offering me choice investments.

Wingo—You are? By George, that explains why I'm always getting confidential circulars from loan sharks asking me if I'm in need of money!

WILL MEET WIFE IN CITY

Hotel Men Have Unique Plan for Keeping Salesmen Over Sunday.

Springfield, Mass.—"Meet your wife in Springfield," the newest slogan among commercial travelers, attracted to this city hundreds of drummers and their wives, not to mention children. The Springfield Hotel Men's association, comprising the six largest hostels in the city, is sponsor for the undertaking, which traveling men say is unique. Conspicuously displayed in the lobby of the hotels is this notice:

"The hotels and merchants of Springfield are united in a friendly endeavor to make our city the most popular in New England as a place for traveling men to stay in over Sunday."

Nearly 500 men and women attended the entertainment at Cooley's hotel. "We stand for a dignified Sunday and the programs we shall give will in no way be vaudeville shows," said Henry E. Marsh, proprietor of the hotel, to the correspondent. He is also president of the Hotel Men's association. He has been in the business nearly half a century and is said to know more commercial travelers than any other boniface in the United States.

"The drummers' receptions," as many call the Sunday affairs, caused a protest from the churches, and in order that they shall not interfere with the evening worship they will begin at eight o'clock hereafter instead of 7:30 p. m. Musical numbers include selections by an orchestra and vocal solos by members of a Hartford church choir.

"We've got the right idea and are going to push it through," said a hotel man. "The drummer who tells his wife that he can't be home over Sunday can at least meet her here. If not, he can enjoy wholesome recreation by himself. Without intending it as such, we've planted the nucleus of a great reform movement. Who knows but the hotel men of Springfield may go down in history with Wendell Phillips, William Lloyd Garrison and other men who had ideas and the courage of their convictions."

ASKS PROBE OF ODD HOSTS

Yale Professor Attacks Idle Rich as a Body of Parasites Which Preys on Society.

Washington.—Declaring the "parasitic rich" in America must be controlled before the advance of socialism and anarchy can be checked, Prof. Henry W. Farnham of Yale, president of the American Economic society, announced himself in favor of a scientific investigation into the remarkable class that has instituted monkey dinners in Newport and all-night snake dances in New York.

In an address before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Professor Farnham said:

"It is a matter of common observation that wealthy families in our country often contain a number of parasitic members—members who derive a large income from society without rendering any appreciable economic or public service in return.

"These general and obvious facts need, however, to be examined historically and statistically in order to enable us to judge correctly of the reaction of prosperity on the human mind.

"Many of this class walk our streets, eloquent, but unconscious arguments for socialism, terrible examples for the moralist, living texts for sermons, rich material for these problem novelists, but still comparatively neglected by the economists, the sociologist and the statistician."

PROFIT IN MUSKRAT FARM

Woman Enlarging Her Bank Account in Novel Manner—Owns 400 Acres of Marsh Lands.

Newark, Del.—Running a muskrat farm may be a queer business, but that it is profitable Mrs. John Fox can vouch. Mrs. Fox owns four hundred acres of marsh land between Silver Run and Appoquinimink river, in the lower part of New Castle county, on which nothing whatever can be raised except muskrats, yet she will clear in the four months from November 15 to March 15 more money than any wheat or corn grower in the state will in a year on a farm of the same size.

The muskrat crop this year is unusually good and as a consequence Mrs. Fox is fattening her bank account. In the past 15 days men employed by her have trapped 1,700 muskrats. The pelts are worth 45 cents apiece and the bodies five cents, making the market price 50 cents for each animal.

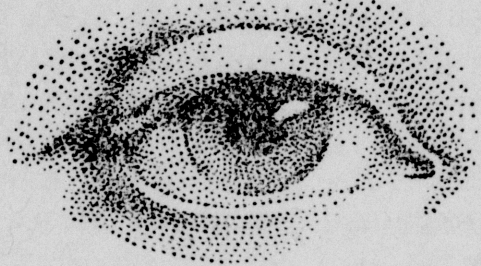
During the entire season it is expected that ten thousand muskrats will be trapped on her marsh land, which will bring in \$5,000, and of that amount at least three thousand dollars will be profit.

Fish a la Orleans.

Any kind of large fish may be used. Season fish well and boil it until it can be pulled apart in small pieces. Put a layer of fish, then beets, pitted olives and capers in a mold, and continue thus until the mold is full. Soak a quarter of a box of gelatine in enough cold water to dissolve it, then pour the hot liquor, in which the fish has been boiled, on it until the gelatine is all dissolved, then pour as much liquor into the mold as it will take up over the layers of fish, beets, olives and capers; when cold take out of mold and serve on lettuce with a mayonnaise dressing.

Cabbage Tartare.

Select a handsome cabbage, carefully bend back the outer leaves, and hollow out center to form a basket. Let stand in cold salted water to crisp. Chop center of cabbage fine and let stand in salted water two hours. Drain well and add sauce tartare to moisten, made either with a mayonnaise or boiled dressing foundation. Return to basket, pour a little dressing over top and garnish with pimiento strips, olives and parsley.



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Your Eye
on that
Can

When Buying Baking Powder

For this is the baking powder that "makes the baking better."

It leavens the food evenly throughout; puffs it up to airy lightness, makes it delightfully appetizing and wholesome.

Remember, Calumet is moderate in price—highest in quality.

Ask your grocer for Calumet. Don't take a substitute.



Hungry? Go to Valentine's. He's right there with the cuisine.

DON'T BE CONSTIPATED

Everyone knows when he is constipated, and everyone should know the risk he is running when he fails to promptly correct it.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

Is a Bowel Tonic and Regulator.

It empties the bowels just as thoroughly as the harsh, griping cathartics and does it mildly, comfortably, pleasantly. Moreover, it leaves a beneficial influence behind it because the bowels remain healthy and regular thus there is no return to constipated conditions.

Get the Genuine with the Figure "3" in Red on Front Label.
Sold by Druggists. Price \$1.00 per bottle.

For Sale by C. B. Gunn

Pure and Wholesome

We're just as proud of our home made preserves as was the old time housewife whose preserves were the boast of the community. But because they are put up in such wholesale quantities we have improved on the old time method in making

White Swan

Preserves

They have the same home made goodness—they are made the same pure, simple way. Just the best of fruit, sweetened and thickened only by the cooked fruit and pure cane sugar—the natural fruit flavor and color. No adulterants. Put up in hermetically sealed glass jars. They cost you less in money and trouble.

Red Pitted Cherries
Raspberries
Apricots

Pears
Strawberries
Damson Plums
Quinces

Pineapple
Peaches
Blackberries

Ask Your Grocer
for White Swan Food Products. There are few, very few, who do not carry them, but yours may be one of the few—or he may be just out. Ask him to get them for you. He can, easily—he will, of course.

Waples-Platter Grocer Co.

Dallas—Denison—Ft. Worth

BRANCH HOUSES:
Gainesville, Tex.—Greenville, Tex.—Dublin,
Tex.—Brownwood, Tex.—Stamford, Tex.
Hamlin, Tex.—Chillicothe, Tex.
Amarillo, Tex.—Ada, Okla.

Use the Telephones

The Messenger wants the local news, and we have two phones which are at the service of all our people when they have news for the paper. Also telephone us to call for printing orders you may have. Call us—it is a pleasure to answer the call. Just say "Messenger" if you forget the number; the only Decatur paper that can be reached over either the South-western or Independent. Tell it to us.



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All you have to do is to see that your ticket reads via the Katy all-the-way

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Do you know that of all the minor ailments colds are by far the most dangerous? It is not the cold itself that you need to fear, but the serious diseases that it often leads to. Most of these are known as germ diseases. Pneumonia and consumption are among them. Why not take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and cure your cold while you can? For sale all druggists.

Try Our Want Ads

Dress Goods

Figured lawns and batistes in a great variety of styles price 3 I-2 to .15c
27 inch novelty stripe crepon in all wanted colors 25c
27 inch white and blue corduroy in all size cords at only 25c
27-inch silk stripe novelty marquisette in blue with white cord, tan with white cord and tan with brown cord, a beautiful fabric only.. 50c
White serge with black stripe, 36-in. wide, only..... 50c
All-wool 42-in plain white serge.. \$1
All wool 42-inch white serge with small black pencil stripe \$1.00

Embroideries

Swiss, cambric and nainsook embroideries here in great abundance and variety. Whether it is edge, insertion, band, flounce or all-over you want, it is here in correct design and right prices.
Beautiful match sets of edges and insertions to match at 10c, up to 75c
Flounces in a beautiful array of patterns at 35c, on up to \$1.95
All-overs in almost any design most reasonably priced

Laces

Edges, bands, insertions, etc. There isn't anything strange that our store ranks first in lace selling. We devote the time and energy that justifies this condition.
Come and see the thousands of yards of new laces worth up to 10c, out on counters priced at.....5c yd
And on up the line the prices are 8 1-3c, 10c, 12 1-2c
Bands up to..... \$1.00 yd
All-over laces and nets priced at..... 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00

Dresses

To give a description of our dresses would fill the entire sheet. It will both, please and profit you to see these lingerie dresses in a wonder array of lace and embroidery effects on which we easily make you a saving of \$1. to \$5. the dress. Prices range from \$5.00 to.....\$15.00
White and best color corduroy dresses priced \$4.00 to \$7.50
Gingham, linen and other tub dresses at \$1.95 to \$5.00
Large assortment of children's and misses dresses. Prices, styles and cloth just right.

Footwear for Ladies

White buckskin 3 button oxford very swell at.....\$3.50
Gun metal colonial pump priced at.....\$3.50
Tan colonials also pumps priced at..... \$3.00 and \$3.50
White canvas pumps and two strap oxfords at..... 2.50
25 other styles to select from at \$1.50 and up



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OUR SHOWING of NEW Spring and Summer MERCHANDISE Challenges Comparison !

Nature, Arrayed in her Brightest Garb, finds a Parallel in Every Section of this Store

There's a bright, crisp newness about the stock very pleasing to the prospective buyer. Couple this with the extreme moderation of our prices and you have a two-fold incentive. Our increased patronage is proof conclusive that you are quick to see these things. Our staple dry goods department is heavy-loaded with merchandise, the best, and, as usual, most items are under-priced. Our dry goods section is a faithful reflection of the fashions of the hour, a matchless display of fashion's latest fancies, a showing of fabrics that for style, exclusiveness and attractiveness stands absolutely in a class to itself. We're proud of our new footwear. Our sales-people, too, are enthusiastic about these. We believe, and we're sure you'll agree with us when you see the new footwear, that this showing is by far the prettiest ever seen anywhere. In our ready-to-wear department style tendencies are clearly sounded in the new models of dresses, skirts, etc. Beautiful new creations, unusually attractive, fully worthy; and in the main, these attractive garments are priced The Red Store Way—less than elsewhere. You are invited to investigate this matchless exhibit.
MENS' SUITS—We know there are no better clothes made than ours. We know the styles, the construction, the fabrics and the colorings are right. Merit, pure and simple, is the magic that has gained for this department FIRST PLACE; merit gained by years of experience and ability, courage and artistic judgment to choose only clothes of sterling worth, styles up-to-the-minute, and price-making always the lowest.
We want you to come. Always a warm welcome is yours

Sulphur Sp'gs
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Winsboro
Jacksboro
Commerce
Jefferson
Frederick, Ok.
Longview
Marshall

Red Store

Decatur, Texas

Kaufm'n
Paris
Decatur
Athens
Gilmer
Quanah
Vernon
Altus, Ok
Denison

Mens Clothing

Style, quality and value leading feature in our garments.

We show the pretty greys tans and blues, plain, weaves and checks and blue serges, and the new pencil stripes we show are written on the fashion book. They vary from a hairs to one inch breadth up to the minute, immensely "chic." They drape with the smack of a crack tailor. You can't help from being suited from our immense assortment at..\$7.50, \$10.00, \$15.00 and \$20. Suits kept pressed free of charge.

Special

10-4 Bleach pepperell sheeting 25c

Footwear for Men

White canvas 3-button Packard oxford at.....\$3.50
Tans in button or lace, \$3, \$3.50, \$4
Patent in button or lace, \$3.50, \$4.00
Gun metals in all the new styles at.....\$3.50 and \$4
8 styles in Stacy Adams low shoes, \$5

Staple Dry Goods

Heavy brown domestic worth 6 1-2c our price.....4 1-2c
One lot good calicoes 3 1-2c yd
Yd-wide Hope bleach domestic, regular price 10c, our price.....8 1-3c
10-4 bleach pepperell sheeting.... 25c
Best Meritas standard oil cloth .. 15c
Red Seal gingham..... 10c
Good apron check gingham, all colors..... 5c
Heavy cotton checks..... 5c

New Spring Skirts Just Received

The stunning effects in the new spring skirts which we have just received are almost marvelous. We are showing beautiful new creations in white serges, whip cord serge, corduroys. Don't fail to see this swell line while the assortment is complete..\$5 up to \$10

Linens and White Goods

Yd-wide heavy linen crash in blue, white and lavender, worth 50c, our price..... 39c
27-inch plain pure linen in all colors at only.....25c
Yd-wide pure linen in white only 25c
75c handkerchief linen priced at..50c
White goods in a fine assortment of stripes and bars, fine and sheer, priced at 15c, 20c, 25c and 35c

Special

Yard-wide Hope bleach domestic, regular price 10c, our price 8 1-3c

Muslin Underwear

All new, fresh and unhandled.

SKIRTS—Some of these have flounce of lace, embroidery, tucks, etc. The prices are 50, 75, \$1.00 and up to \$2.50

GOWNS—We show a rare collection of gowns in button fronts, slip overs, dutch and round necks, all attractively trimmed, prices 50, 75 \$1.00 and up to..... \$2.50

DRAWERS—Lavishly trimmed in laces, embroideries, ruffles, etc. Priced 25c to \$1.00

Childrens drawers made of good quality cambric 10c. pr.

Notions Cheap

Pins, per paper 1c.
Carpet and matting tacks, box. 1c.
Good safety pins, two papers for 5c.
Cedar head pencils each..... 1c
Machine oil, bottle 5c
Grandpa's tar soap, cake 5c.
4711 Glycerine soap..... 15c.
Mennen's, Williams' and Colgate's talcum, can 15c.
Shoe polish, all kinds..... 10c.
Hair pins, roll,..... 1c.
Insoles, per pair 5c.

Special

25 pieces good calico while they last at . . 3 1-2c yd

Table Linens

35c quality 60-inch table damask, our price..... 25c yd
60-inch mercerized table damask worth 50c, our price 40c yd
65c-grade 66-inch mercerized table damask priced at..... 50c yd
Table linen 66 inches wide, worth 65c our price..... 50c yd
72-inch \$1.25 pure linen table damask our price \$1.00 yd



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The Messenger.

News of Town and County

Albatross.

Jas. McCarter was in Fort Worth Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Waggoner were here Monday.

Lonnie Cearly was here this week from Slidell.

Light Crust flour—there's no substitute.

Alf Brown was here from Paradise Tuesday on business.

Suits pressed 25c at the Red Store.

D. J. Moss was in Fort Worth Saturday on business.

Seed peanuts at the Cash Grocery.

Bob More from Vernon, was here yesterday on business.

Ladies skirts cleaned and pressed for 50c at the Red Store.

Judge Patterson is holding court at Weatherford.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Price on April 2, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Johnson on March 31, a son.

Uncle Bob Cates was a Fort Worth visitor the past week.

You can get fresh garden seed at the Cash Grocery.

Walter Jennings is here from Paris, a guest of D. J. Moss.

Genuine Red Bliss Triumph seed potatoes at W. L. Dallas.

G. H. Cearley, living on route 6, will move to Cleburne.

Ladies skirts pressed at the Red Store for 25c.

B. M. Shoemaker was in Ft. Worth on business Wednesday.

Suits cleaned and pressed for 75c at the Red Store.

Honorable John Kendall of Polytexnic, was with us this week.

Gus Jarrell of Amarillo, spent several days here this week.

Madam, you are missing a good thing if you are not using Light Crust.

John Gunn left Monday for Fort Worth, where he has employment.

Will Allen of Amarillo, is the guest of his mother here this week.

Feed of all kinds and seed at money saving prices at W. L. Dallas.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. A. Devereux is improving in health.

Special matinee at Majestic Saturday afternoon at 3:30. Adm. 5 and 10.

Phone your order to Valentine and he will have it ready when you come.

Best seed corn at the Cash Grocery.

Mrs. Fannie Couch left Monday for Spiro Okla., after a visit to relatives here.

Tornado and hail insurance written in the best of companies. J. W. Bailey.

Superintendent James St. Claire of the Boyd public schools, was here Sunday.

Famous Alta Vista ice cream every day at the City Bakery. Always best.

Mrs. L. E. Rosser will teach stringed instruments and piano at her private studio.

Cane seed at the Cash Grocery.

Postmaster Arthur Williams and Frank Shehan of Chico, were here yesterday.

Light Crust is the last word in flour—better than Gold Medal.

Attend the Majestic on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Mrs. H. A. Fairchild of Wichita Falls, is visiting her parents, D. F. Davis and wife.

Owing to the rainy, disagreeable weather only a fair crowd was here Monday.

See our new fibre squares. 9 by 12. Prices right. D. W. Frazer & Co.

Mrs. Bob Wheelock and daughter, Miss Mollie, were here Tuesday from Greenwood.

Go to the Majestic tonight.

Your old plumes made into beautiful willows at small cost. Mrs. W. B. Evans, City.

Graham flour at Moore & Smith's.

Mrs. W. G. Stokes is visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. F. Thompson, in Wichita Falls.

Richard Allen of Chillicothe, was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Cotner, here this week.

Come on and see our new matting. Prices reasonable. D. W. Frazer & Co.

D. J. Moss left yesterday for his old home in Louisiana in response to word that his mother was ill.

Dr. C. J. Parish, Jurd Lynch and Bryson Williamson were here Tuesday from Greenwood.

Mrs. F. R. Mack left yesterday for her home in Goldfield, Nev., after an extended visit to homefolks here.

The Red Store's new cleaning and tailoring department is doing the work. Prices count.

Homer Holliday of the Messenger force, is now keeping company with an enthusiastic case of mumps.

Liverpool and London and Globe Fire Insurance Company—good, better, best.

Guinn Williams returned Sunday from Fort Worth, where he has been doing duty as a federal juror.

C. O. Sikes was here from Arlington, where he is building a fine studio for W. A. Bunnell of this city.

First class pictures are now being seen at the Majestic for only 10c.

Phone Valentine's restaurant for anything good to eat, chili, oysters, etc. Independent 159.

T. D. Smith and son, Mark, are here from Fort Worth repairing the ice factory, and getting ready to run.

Terrell Carroll and Mrs. Terrell Carroll were re-united in marriage Sunday night, after a separation of more than a year.

W. L. Dallas will save you good money on your supplies and feed.

The Messenger is requested to state that a prominent speaker will be present at the organization of the Taft here Saturday, April 13.

Mrs. L. E. Rosser will teach stringed instruments and piano at her private studio.

The two children of Nathan Smith, northwest of town, who have been suffering from meningitis, are recovering.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Cumberland Presbyterian church will give a dinner on the square on the first Monday in May.

Judge Fitzgerald was here from Jacksboro the latter part of last week shaking hands with the voters and renewing old acquaintance.

The Red Store will save you at least \$5.00 on your spring suit either ready made or tailor made.

Rev. John McLain of Fort Worth, will preach at the First Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and night. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

Ball games at college this afternoon at 3:30 and Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Weatherford college against Decatur college.

B. L. Wade, for the past several years with the Bellah & Sons store, will leave shortly for Commerce to reside. Mr. Wade has sold his residence on East Main street to Robert Carswell.

Liverpool and London and Globe Fire Insurance Company—good, better, best.

Cleaning and pressing done at the Red Store by the latest improved machinery at less than you can have it done elsewhere.

The school at Lone Star closed Friday evening after a successful year's work, the school having been taught by Brandon Trussell.

Hon. R. L. Cable of Montague, candidate for the senate from this district of Montague, Wise and Denton counties, was a pleasant caller at our office yesterday.

Albatross, Superior and Peacemaker flour; the finest on earth at W. L. Dallas.

Valentine's restaurant is headquarters for everything good to eat, short orders, oysters fresh every day.

The following officers were re-elected in Tuesday's city election: Marshal, C. C. Lewis; secretary and treasurer, R. L. Thompson; city attorney, John G. Gosef; aldermen, L. L. Hoyl, J. S. Gililand. Tom W. Brown is a new member of the board of aldermen.

Cane seed, seed corn, seed peanuts and all kinds of garden and field seed at the Cash Grocery.

Commissioner Tom St. Claire is out, after being under quarantine for two weeks at his home, on account of the Hamilton boy having meningitis there. The young man is improving rapidly from the attack and will be out in a few days.

A concern 'way up in New York City writes the Messenger that this paper as an advertising medium is second to none in the state. This big firm patronizes quite a number of publications in Texas, but the Messenger is one of the best, so the business manager states.

Men's and boys' suits and trousers bought from the Red Store will be kept pressed free of charge at all times.

The ball team of Weatherford college will be here today for two games with Decatur college. The first will be played this afternoon at 3:30, and the second tomorrow, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The visitors are a winning bunch, but Decatur hopes to take both games.

All the large cleaning and pressing establishments in the larger cities use Hoffman steam pressing machines. They are absolutely sanitary and the price the Red Store charges is less than you pay elsewhere.

Fresh car of the famous Light Crust flour just received at Moore & Smith grocery. Try a sack.

Hugh Breedlove was taken to Fort Worth last week, where he underwent a very dangerous operation. For some days he was in a serious condition, but at last reports he was some improved.

Tornado and hail insurance written in the best of companies. J. W. Bailey.

A team representing the business houses of the town defeated the Baptist college team last Friday in a fast game by the score of 2 to 1. The teams were pretty evenly matched and the contest was a very interesting one.

To the man who knows just what he wants in the way of home-made saddles or harness, we invite you to call and examine our stock. If we have not got what you want, we will make it for you. Special attention to ordered work or repairing. Lillard & Company.

On Tuesday the following city officers were elected at Bridgeport: Mayor, J. L. Crawford; marshal, D. A. Harris; clerk, Sam Culwell; treasurer, Tom Burns; aldermen, J. M. Blocker, W. M. Bingham, T. J. House, J. G. Short, W. H. Glenn.

Those ladies desiring engraved calling cards are invited to visit the Messenger office and look over a line of samples second to none in the state. And the prices are the same you pay in the cities.

Rev. S. C. Riddle returned Thursday from Honey Grove, where he attended the dedication of a very handsome new church which was begun during his pastorate of four years at that place. Bro. Rosser and other former pastors were there, and a great time was had. Bishop Mouzon preached the dedication sermon.

Jones Dry Goods Co. is placing an up-to-date stock of dry goods at Park Springs, under the firm name of Park Springs Merchantile Co. C. C. Jones Jr., will have charge of the store. C. C. is a splendid young business man of much ability, and he will make a citizen and merchant of whom the Park Springs people may well be proud.

To the young man who likes something snappy and up-to-date in harness or saddles, we extend a cordial invitation to examine our stock of home-made work. You will find the best work and best leather in the country. All work guaranteed. Repair work done while you wait. Lillard & Co.

The Baptist college ball team went to Bridgeport Saturday and defeated the fast team there by the score of 3 to 0. Decatur made 3 scores in the first inning, which performance put the Bridgeport boys in the air, and they continued to aviate throughout the game, never having a look in at home plate. Tige Renshaw pitched a splendid game for Decatur, and his support was perfect.

The rooms in the public school building since they have been partitioned make a very, very crowded appearance to the little "boxes." And the partitions look like the school is in a poor condition. More room is needed in the building, then why this partitioning of rooms that have always been too small?

With a few more good contributors to the college building fund like S. A. Lillard, H. D. Ward, J. L. Ward, C. B. Gunn, W. C. Carver, S. Bellah, C. C. Jones, Helm, Ward & Dillehay, Mississippi store, Red store, with the assistance of all others who have the interests of the school at heart, and the amount is raised easily.

Miss Marie Patterson was hostess for the WeDelve club Tuesday afternoon. Miss Patterson was assisted by Mrs. J. V. Patterson. The following ladies were present: Misses Christine Rogers, Shaw, Collins, Harding, Rush, Ward, Frazer, Ford, Carswell, Kendall; Mesdames Timberlake, McCaskey. A salad course was served.

Always use the best flour—that's Light Crust. Fresh car at Moore & Smith's.

Miss Maude Hogg entertained Saturday afternoon. The following were present: Mesdames Jack Cates, Fullingim, Moss, Lillard, Ford, Milligan, Collins, Terrell, Ray, Timberlake, Moore, Payne; Misses Rush, Williams, Price, Harding. Mrs. C. B. Simmons and daughter, Miss Maurine, were guests. A two course luncheon was served.

Do not accept "just as good." Buy Albatross and Peacemaker flour at W. L. Dallas.

Joe J. Perkins was here from Wichita Falls Saturday, shaking hands with old friends and saving good things about his old home town. Joe says Decatur comes first in his affections for towns and cities and it does him good to get back among his friends. While here Joe was seen by the college soliciting committee and he subscribed a goodly amount for his interests here.

Alta Vista cream with nuts, chocolate, also pineapple, peaches, cherries and strawberry crushed fruits 10c, 3 for 25c, at City Bakery.

Any young lady or gentleman who understands soliciting subscriptions for papers, wanting a position, please call at the Messenger office. A good proposition will be made the energetic applicant.

The Harmony club will meet April 11 at the usual meeting place, Mrs. L. H. Reeves, and the following program will be given: Sketch of Chamberlaine, Mrs. Thurmond; the Scarf Dance, Miss Elise Rush; vocal solo, Mrs. Fullingim; la Lisongera, Mrs. S. A. Lillard; story of St. Celia, Mrs. R. E. Collins; vocal duet, Mesdames Payne and Thomason.

Be sure and inspect the over one thousand samples which the Red Store has on display from which to pick your spring and summer suit. Remember it will be pressed at all times without any charge.

Your Income

May stop at any time, but your expenses will keep right on. Better build up a bank account and be on the safe side

We Pay Interest on Time Deposits

City National Bank

Capital, Surplus and Profits \$98,424.84

DECATUR, TEXAS

SAY

Are you paying cash and at the same time paying credit prices?

Give us a trial and be convinced. Maize, kaffir, cane and millet seed at cash prices

MOORE & SMITH

GROCERIES AND FEED

Shakespeare says that "experience is a dear school, and fools will learn at no other." That can be modified by saying, the man who buys a factory-made saddle or harness in preference to our high-grade home-made work, thinking it is just as good, is honestly mistaken. All work guaranteed. Bring us your repair work. Lillard & Co.

Just received a new shipment of new fibre matting. Best ever shown in Decatur for the money. D. W. Frazer & Co.

Hungry? Go to Valentine's. He's right there with the cuisine.

FISHING

I have plenty of fish in the old Cundiff lake on my farm, and am charging 25c for each person fishing in the pond. Have a boat for visitors. Special rates to parties of four or more. Ideal place for picnics.

H. M. MOONEY

A valuable dressing for flesh wounds, burns, scalds, old sores, rash and chafed skin is Ballard's Snow Liniment, it is both healing and antiseptic. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Man & Simmons.

W. L. DALLAS

Pure Food Store

April and May are our house-cleaning months. Will save you good money on your Groceries and Feed. Don't accept "Just as Good." The best is much the cheapest, so, insist on having the best. Keep peace at home by buying Albatross, Superior and Peacemaker flour; Chase & Sanborn's Club House and White Swan Coffees and Teas; H. J. Heinz & Co's fine line table condiments. Have the largest and cleanest stock of groceries in wise county.

W. L. DALLAS

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Was Published Earlier Than Boston News Letter.

Periodical, in Manuscript Form, Called "Master William," Issued 300 Years Ago by French on St. Croix Island, Me.

New York.—An industrious digger into the depths of the past has brought to light the interesting fact that America's first newspaper was published a full century earlier than the date commonly ascribed. If it was not a newspaper in the later acceptance of the term it was at least a periodical, prepared and published with more or less regularity for the eager perusal of the little community which it served.

In short it was on St. Croix island, a few miles below the present city of Calais; that the Master William was published during the winter of 1604-05 by the members of the French expedition under DeMonts and Champlain, who were seeking to establish there the capital of the vast and vague empire claimed by France in America. They were the first Europeans to pass a winter on these northern shores of the new world since the days of the legendary Northmen centuries before; and at that time they were the only Europeans in America north of the Spaniards in Florida.

Samuel Champlain himself, later the founder of Quebec and the father of New France, was the chronicler of the expedition, and in his vivid story of that winter on St. Croix island he makes express mention of the Master William, the significance of which appears to have been overlooked by historians generally. He relates that the paper was prepared from time to time "by the bright spirits of the party" to while away the tedium of the long and severe winter. It was passed around in written, not printed, form; but among a few score men, all deadhead subscribers, that was a wholly satisfactory method of publication.

Christmas day, 1604, was celebrated by the colony with special zest—it was the first Christmas observance, by the way, in what is now New England—and after the religious exercises of the morning and before the feasting and drinking and general merry-making became too boisterous a special Christmas issue of the Master William was read to the company by the editors. So early did the idea of the "extra" and the "holiday number" take root in American journalism! It is a great pity that the chronicler did not include a copy of the Master William in his record, or something more about it than the bare mention of its occasional appearance.

It was not until 1704, a full century later, that the Boston News Letter was established, commonly spoken of as the first newspaper in America, and continuing for fifteen years to be the only one. An attempt was made to publish a newspaper in Boston in 1690, but only one issue was put forth. It was called Public Occurrences, and the watchful authorities promptly snuffed it out "for uttering reflection of a very high order." How successfully have most newspapers of later years steered clear of any such danger!

But we are wandering far from the enterprising young adventurers of St. Croix island and their newspaper of 1604. Their effort was a small one and the results were transient; but there is a certain sentiment which attaches to first things, and in historical matters a certain importance also. The Master William deserves its rescue from oblivion, and should not again be neglected when the story of the feeble beginning of new world journalism is told. But what an opportunity was missed by the publishers of the Calais Times or the Eastport Sentinel when they failed to take the name of the pioneer sheet and to put forth the claim of being its direct successor.

MIXES POETS AND PULLETS

Japanese Sent to Study Poultry Is Told to Read Longfellow and Others.

Tacoma, Wash.—K. Sato, en route to Boston, carries in his note book the names of Longfellow, Emerson and Lowell as American authorities on the subject the Japanese government sent him to this country to study—the science of raising poultry.

On his way across the Pacific on the Mexico Maru, K. Sato confided to American passengers that he had come over officially to study American "poetry" and asked to what city it would be best to go. Boston and Indianapolis were recommended as centers of American poetry and Sato

chose Boston.

Just before leaving for the east, Sato read a newspaper item concerning his mission to America and discovered the mistake.

His Cork Leg Stolen.

Vancouver, B. C.—The climax of promiscuous thievery going on here for the past month was reached recently when a miscreant broke into the room occupied by J. Barton of Dunsmuir street and stole his cork leg. The leg was attached to Barton's trousers and the thief made off with the trousers, leg, watch and a small sum of money. Barton is in bed.

SLAIN GOOSE BRINGS JOY

Gander That Wanders in Front of Machine Makes a Feast—Autoist Buys Bird.

Darby, Pa.—A fat old gander that waddled too slowly across the Westchester pike in front of the automobile of Richard Purly of Darby, with the usual result, brought belated but none the less appreciated holiday cheer to a poor family in Darby, exemplifying the old adage that it is an ill wind that blows good to nobody.

Purdy, with a couple of his friends, was spinning out Westchester pike, near Manao, when a flock of geese crossed ahead of the machine. After the last one had passed the gander, which had remained back, suddenly decided to follow, and waddled directly in front of the machine, on which Purdy had now put on full speed.

The irate owner of the bird appeared just in time to see it struck and demanded payment. Insisting that the goose weighed 20 pounds, at 25 cents a pound, he demanded \$5 for it, but after he learned that Purdy was a butcher, he dropped the price to 14 cents, wholesale, and on second judgment said that he thought the bird might weigh a little under 20 pounds. Purdy guessed the weight at 15 pounds, and paid the farmer \$2.10.

The farmer was walking away with both the goose and the money, when Purdy called him back and reminded him that the goose was not his property any longer, took it, had one of his companions bleed it and on his arrival in Darby presented it with his best wishes to a deserving family, who accepted it with profuse thanks.

TRUTHFUL; SHE FAILS TO WED

Young Woman Wouldn't Swear to Age of Which She Was Doubtful.

St. Louis.—Truth was stronger than Cupid at Clayton, the St. Louis county Gretna Green, the other day.

Miss Ida Lorenz and John F. Osborn, both of O'Fallon, Ill., went there to get a marriage license. Both seemed to be of legal age, and Deputy Recorder Ahlers filed out the papers. "Now, as a matter of form, you will have to swear to your ages," said he.

The young woman seemed embarrassed. "I can't swear that I am eighteen, though I believe I am," she said. "My parents died when I was a baby and I have no birth certificate."

Though Osborn pleaded with her, Miss Lorenz could not be induced even to swear that to the best of her knowledge and belief she was of legal age. She and Osborn departed without the license.

MOTHER WAS HIS NEMESIS

Unrelenting California Woman Finally Obtained Conviction of Her Son's Slayer.

Redding, Cal.—A mother's implacable determination to avenge the death of her son resulted in the conviction of Daniel Fleming, formerly a Southern Pacific railroad policeman, for the murder of George Vallier, a youth of Tacoma, Wash. Fleming was found guilty of manslaughter after the jury had been out more than twelve hours.

Vallier and a companion, Harry Goble, were found unconscious on the roof of a sleeping car of a Southern Pacific train that drew into Redding from the north in August of last year. Both had been badly injured on the head. Vallier died on the way to a hospital, and Goble, after several weeks in a hospital. They were assaulted by Fleming for stealing a ride.

Saved a Thousand Dimes. Denver, Colo.—Deluged with letters and postal cards and gifts coming in goodly numbers, Miss Ivy Cole, a waitress in a local cafe, who saved up 1,000 dimes received in tips within the year to buy a fur coat, is amazed at the attention her frugality has attracted.

She had received letters and postal cards from many parts of the country and proposals of marriage from east, west, north and south.

Miss Cole began saving all of the dime tips she received a year ago last Thanksgiving day. She has saved exactly \$100, or 1,000 dimes.

TRIFLES THAT MEAN ECONOMY

May Appear Small, but in the Course of Time Will Be Found to Amount to Much.

The familiar Waldorf salad made of apples, celery and nuts takes on a new air if the ingredients are all shredded instead of being cut in dice shaped pieces or broken bits. If pistachio nuts are ground fine and sprinkled over the top the green addition will add to the sightliness of the dish and the nuts themselves will improve the flavor. If red is wanted a few thin wedges of apple may retain their red skin.

Roast turkey left from dinner makes delicious salad, mixed with celery seasoned with capers and dressed with mayonnaise. The usual directions call for equal parts of meat and celery, but there is no hard and fast rule. The amount of the meat on hand and the taste of the family are strong considerations.

Two towels sewed together on two sides and one end, the top turned over and a cord run through the casing near the top make an excellent soiled linen bag.

Bottles which have contained olive oil are cleaned the most satisfactory with ammonia.

For a sick room two or three covers for dishes sent up on a tray are made of embroidery hoops with cheese cloth stretched tightly between them. Several squares of the cheese cloth in exactly the right size are a convenience. They should be hemmed.

GLAZED NUTS EASILY MADE

Winter Delicacy That Is Popular With Both Old and Young and Not Costly.

A dainty for the winter table that may be prepared at home with little cost is glazed nuts. Various kinds of nuts may be glazed excepting peanuts, which are not especially good for that treatment, but none is better than hickory nuts and butternuts.

Have the meats picked from the shells. Boil granulated sugar with enough water to thoroughly dissolve it, stirring it as little as possible. When it spins a thread stir in the nuts and let them cook a very little, for if left too long on the stove the oils will be drawn from the nuts. Pour out on platters, spreading them thinly, and when cold they will be found to separate easily.

Nuts prepared this way are very nice mixed with homemade candy. About one-half cup of sugar is sufficient for one-half pint of nuts.

Quick lunch—fresh cysters, chile, hamburgers, at Valentine's

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Primary Election, Saturday, July 27

- For Local Representative
A. D. ROGERS
- For District Judge
C. V. TERRELL
T. J. MURRAY
- For District Clerk
LORY D. WHITE
- For County Judge
E. M. ALLISON
- For County Clerk
J. P. WILLIAMS
- For Sheriff
SAM FAITH
- For County Attorney
FRENCH SPENCER
ROBT. CARSWELL
W. C. SHULTS
J. V. PATTERSON
- For Tax Assessor
JOHN CASEY
T. F. HOLLABAUGH
JESSE A. MADDUX
EUGENE HOLT
A. H. LOWRY
EDD POWELL
G. B. McCARTY

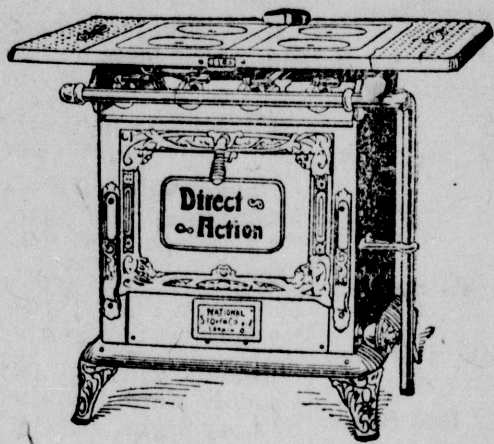
- For County Superintendent
D. J. SIMPSON
- For Tax Collector
M. A. ARNETT
- For County Treasaurer
R. D. SMITH
- For Justice of Peace, Prec. 1
T. H. GREER
BOB HOPSON
C. C. BELL

- For Constable, Prec. 1
CHAS. HARDWICK
TOM McCracken
- For Commissioner, Precs. 1-6
T. L. ST. CLAIR
BRISON WILLIAMSON
J. F. WOMACK

City Election—April 2

- For Marshal
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JUDGE EMULATES SOLOMON IN DELICATE PROBLEM

Las Animas county's (Colo.) ten-day mystery has been solved and A. J. Baker, the school teacher, with a feminine voice, is a man and not a woman, as many believed.

The mystery was solved by Justice of the Peace Stone, before whom Baker was brought for hearing on a charge made by a seventeen-year-old Segundo youth and three local physicians. Now that the secret is out, everybody is enjoying a laugh at the expense of the youth who made the charge and Marshal W. H. Souser of Segundo, who made the arrest, and Deputy District Attorney Chazon, who prosecuted Baker. Souser and Chazon insisted Baker was a woman, and the latter objected to the introduction of expert testimony to prove otherwise.

King Solomon never had anything on Justice Stone when it comes to common sense. Everybody in Trinidad admits this today. When the hearing had progressed to the point where the finale threatened to end in a fiasco, Justice Stone decided upon heroic measures.

"We'll just make a physical examination of the prisoner. That's the easiest way to prove whether we have a man or woman to try," he said.

The prisoner was taken into an ante-room by Judge Stone and the three doctors. Fifteen minutes later Judge Stone reassembled the bench.

"The prisoner is an unfortunate man," said the court, "and could not have committed the offense charged by the complaining witness. He is therefore discharged."

Baker's misfortune, it is believed, affected his mind. He takes delight in passing for a woman and being able to deceive people, and this explains why he carries both male and female clothing with him. He said the story he told about having been wounded while in the army is not true, and that the tale of his once having been married and being the father of two boys is also fiction.

That the tendency of the age is for larger farms and better methods, with a saving of cost by the use of modern machinery, was the consensus of opinion expressed at the fifth annual meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers at St. Paul.

"There is an increasing demand and we must make room for the master mind in the agricultural field. There are 8,000 less farms in Iowa this year than last," said Prof. J. M. Davidson of the Iowa State Agricultural college.

"An agricultural survey made in Thompson county, New York, showed that the small farmer was at best only making laborer's wages and that the larger farmer was making money. It means that the farmers must put the farm on a factory basis and quit guessing at profit and loss."

Citation by Publication

The state of Texas; to the sheriff or any constable of Wise county—greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the unknown heirs of H. G. Catlett by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 43rd judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 43rd judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Decatur, on the last Monday in May, A. D. 1912, the same being the 27th day of May, A. D. 1912, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 26th day of March, A. D. 1912, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 3651, wherein W. L. Myers is plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of H. G. Catlett are defendants, and the nature of the demand set out in said petition being a suit in trespass to try title to the following described land, situated in Wise county, Texas, to-wit: first tract, beginning at the N. E. corner of survey No. 16, thence north 1380 vrs., thence W. 610 vrs., thence S. 330 vrs., thence W. 860 vrs., a spring branch at 918 vrs., thence S. 280 vrs., same spring branch 1050 vrs., thence E. 1528 vrs. to beginning; being north one half said survey of 320 acres. 2nd tract, beginning at stake in N. B. line of the south half said survey, 358 vrs. E. from N. W. corner of said division line, thence S. 205 vrs. S. E. corner of north half said survey, thence W. 1162 vrs. to beginning.

Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur, this 26th day of March, A. D. 1912. Lory D. White clerk district court, Wise county. (5-17)

LEGAL NOTICES.

Citation by Publication

The state of Texas; to the sheriff or any constable of Wise county—greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Louis Ranger and the unknown heirs of Louis Ranger by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 43rd judicial district; but if there be newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 43rd judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Decatur, on the last Monday in May, 1912, the same being the 27th day of May, 1912, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 25th day of September 1911 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 3613, wherein J. A. Tate is plaintiff, and Louis Ranger, the unknown heirs of Louis Ranger, the unknown heirs of Henry Robinson; Robert B. Robertson, the unknown heirs of Robert B. Robertson; George Marshall; E. P. Robinson, the unknown heirs of E. P. Robinson; Susan M. Bussy, the unknown heirs of Susan M. Bussy; John Karner, the unknown heirs of John Karner; J. P. Philpott, the unknown heirs of J. P. Philpott; J. R. Handley, the unknown heirs of J. R. Handley; J. D. Robinson, the unknown heirs of J. D. Robinson; H. D. Donald, the unknown heirs of H. D. Donald; S. Dalton, the unknown heirs of S. Dalton; John J. McBride, the unknown heirs of John J. McBride; J. J. McBride, the unknown heirs of J. J. McBride; W. H. Ledbetter, the unknown heirs of W. H. Ledbetter; M. E. Ledbetter, the unknown heirs of M. E. Ledbetter; the unknown heirs of B. B. Beeson; the unknown heirs of M. B. Pylas; Annie B. Pylas; Bennie J. Pylas; Sarah A. Beeson; M. L. Beeson; J. H. Killough; N. J. Killough; the unknown heirs of Lewis F. Oliver; the unknown heirs of Mrs. D. J. Stokes; T. H. Stokes; S. W. Tirey; and N. A. Tirey are defendants. The nature of the demand set out in plaintiff's petition being a suit to remove cloud from title to the following described land: beginning at the most northerly northeast corner of the J. D. Robinson survey of 127 acres, thence west 350 vrs, thence south 609 vrs to Henry Robinson survey, thence east 77 1-2 vrs, thence south 938 vrs, thence east 133 vrs, thence south 31 1-2 vrs to north line of right of way of C. R. I. & G. Ry Co; thence with said right of way 78 east 530 vrs to west line of C. L. Nichol survey; thence north 550 vrs to the northwest corner of said Nichols survey and north west corner of Boyd Townsite Company lands; thence east with the same as follows: 335 1-2 vrs south, 64 east, 504 vrs south, 69 30" east, 108 vrs south, 75 east, 72 vrs south, 77 east, 492 vrs to the northeast corner of same; thence south with the east line 415 vrs cross north line of John Jordan survey at 651 vrs north line of C. R. I. & G. Ry Co right of way; thence south 42, east with the same 106 vrs; thence south 45 east 1525 vrs to east line of tract owned by W. L. Brown; thence north 550 vrs to his northwest corner; thence east 1242 vrs to east line of John Jordan survey, thence with West Fork of Trinity river to west corner of 4 1-2 acres sold to G. R. McClain by C. C. Leonard out of the W. C. Holmark survey; thence up said river with its meanders to N. B. line of said Holmark survey, the west end of Finch & Boyd survey, the south part of W. H. Cundiff survey and through the James Cheshire survey to west line of said Cheshire survey and east line of M. E. P. & P. Ry Co survey of 39 acres; thence north 231 vrs to northeast corner of said M. E. P. & P. Ry Co survey; thence east 950 vrs to northwest corner of same; thence north 311 vrs north east corner of the Henry Robinson survey, at 655 vrs the most eastern northeast corner of the J. D. Robinson survey; thence west 364 vrs an inward corner of the same; thence north 264 vrs to the beginning, containing 907 1-2 acres of land and being the same tract conveyed by L. H. Bomer et al to J. A. Tate by deed of date, Nov 23, 1910. Plaintiff further alleges that he is lawfully seized and possessed of said land; pleading the three, five and ten statutes of limitation, and further alleging that the claim of defendants is unknown to him, but that in his claim of title to said land, then appear apparent claims and rights in and to portions of said lands in behalf of defendants, which cast a cloud upon his title and which affect the merchantableness of his said etc., whereupon he prays that the cloud cast upon his said title by reason of said irregularities and defects be removed, and for general relief etc.

Herein fail not, but have before said court at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur, this 26th day of March, 1912. Lory D. White clerk, district court, Wise county. (5-17)

Sheriff's Sale

The state of Texas, county of Wise, by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the honorable district court of Wise county, on the 20th day of March 1912, by Lory D. White district clerk of said county against H. W. Van Zandt for the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars and costs of suit, in cause No. 3601 in said court, styled T. J. Mann, J. L. Mann and

G. W. Stephens H. W. Van Zandt and placed in my hands for service, I, Sam Faith, as sheriff of Wise county, Texas, did on the 20th day of March, 1912 levy on certain real estate, situated in Wise county, described as follows, to-wit: lot 2, in block No. 19 in the town of Paradise, Wise county, Texas, and levied upon as the property of said H. W. Van Zandt. And on Tuesday, the 7th day of May, 1912, at the court house door of Wise county, in the city of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of ten a. m. and four p. m. I will sell said real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said H. W. Van Zandt, by virtue of said levy and said order of sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise county.

Witness my hand, this 20th day of March, 1912. Sam Faith, sheriff Wise county, Texas. (4-12)

Citation by Publication

The state of Texas, to the sheriff or any constable of Wise county—greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon J. H. Gordon by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 43rd judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 43rd judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Decatur, on the last Monday in May A. D. 1912, the same being the 27th day of May, A. D. 1912, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 12th, day of May, A. D. 1911, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 3591, wherein S. A. Lillard, guardian, is plaintiff, and J. H. Gordon, U. N. Burk and J. P. Hayter are defendants, and the nature of the demand set out in said petition being a suit upon the estate of Sam Lightfoot and Alma May Lightfoot. For a more complete cause of action see plaintiff's original petition on file in my office.

Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur this 20th day of March, A. D. 1912. Lory D. White, clerk district court, Wise county. (5-17)

Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county—Greeting.

You are hereby commanded to summon the unknown heirs of David Gregory by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 43rd judicial district, but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to the said 43d judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise county, to be holden at the court-house thereof, in Decatur, on the last Monday in May, A. D. 1912, the same being the 27th day of May, A. D. 1912 then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 26th day of March, 1912, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 3652, wherein W. L. Myers is plaintiff and the unknown heirs of David Gregory are defendants, and the nature of the demand set out in plaintiff's petition being a suit in trespass to try title to the following described land, to-wit: Situated in Wise county, Texas, a part of the David Gregory survey; beginning at the southeast corner of the James Flores survey, thence east 219 vrs, thence north 27 vrs, northwest corner R. H. Newman survey, thence east 28 vrs, southwest corner G. C. Pritchard survey, thence north 528 vrs, northwest corner Pritchard survey; thence east 277 vrs, thence north 141 vrs, southeast corner J. W. Hale survey, thence west 703 vrs, e b line Flores survey, thence south to beginning, containing 68 acres.

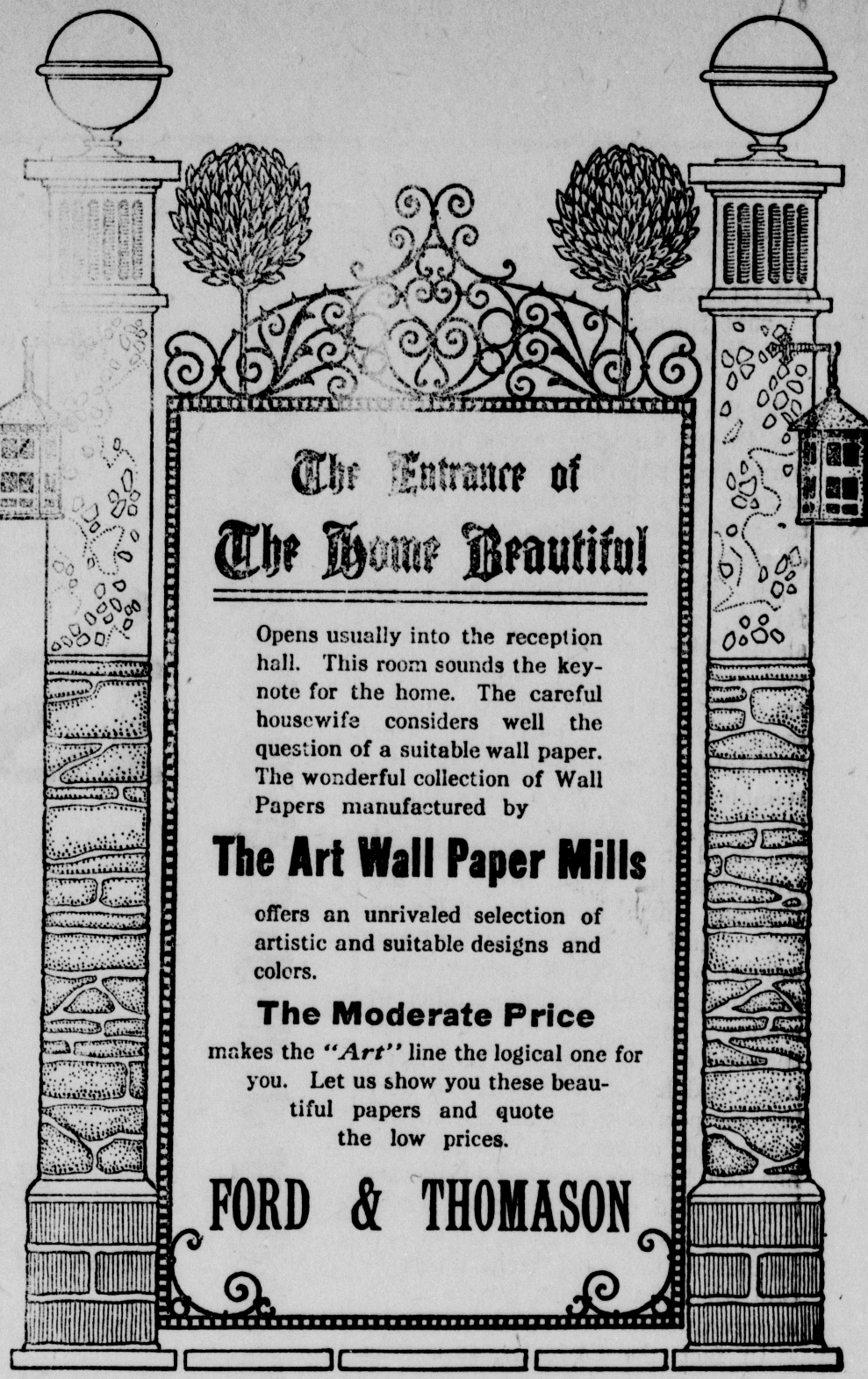
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The State of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county—Greeting.

You are hereby commanded to summon the unknown heirs of C. G. Prichard by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 43d judicial district, but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 43d judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise county, to be holden at the courthouse thereof, in Decatur on the last Monday in May, A. D. 1912, the same being the 27 day of May, A. D. 1912, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 26th day of March, A. D. 1912, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 3653, wherein W. L. Myers is plaintiff and the unknown heirs of C. G. Prichard are defendants, and the nature of the demand set out in said petition being a suit in trespass to try title to the following described land, to-wit: Situated in Wise county, Texas. First tract; 14 acres, beginning at southwest corner of C. G. Prichard survey, thence north 513 vrs, thence east 153 1-2 vrs, thence south 513 vrs, thence west 153 1-2 vrs to beginning. Second tract; 12 acres out of said survey, beginning at southwest corner of a tract out of said survey heretofore sold Stout and Schuer and Mecaskey, thence north 513 vrs, thence east with n b line said survey to the Decatur and Alvord road, thence in a southeasterly direction with said road to the s b line Prichard survey, thence west to beginning.

Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said office in Decatur, this 26th day of March, A. D. 1912. Lory D. White, clerk district court, Wise county, Texas. (5-17)

Almost a Miracle

One of the most startling changes ever seen in any man, according to W. B. Holsclaw, Clarendon, Tex., was effected years ago in his brother. "He had such a dreadful cough," he writes, "that all our family thought he was going into consumption, but he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery, and was completely cured by ten bottles. Now he is sound and well and weighs 218 pounds. For many years our family has used this wonderful remedy for coughs and colds with excellent results." It's quick, safe, reliable and guaranteed. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at Ford & Thomason's.

To have a fine healthy complexion, the liver must be active, the bowels regular and the blood pure. All this is brought about by using Herbine. It thoroughly scours the liver, stomach and bowels, puts the body in fine condition and restores that clear, pink and white complexion so much desired by ladies. Price 50c. Sold by Maas & Simmons.

For entertainment spend an evening at the Majestic. Only 10c.

Actual Starvation

Facts About Indigestion and Its Relief That Should Interest You

Although indigestion and dyspepsia are so prevalent, most people do not thoroughly understand their cause and cure. There is no reason why most people should not eat anything they desire—if they will only chew it carefully and thoroughly. Many actually starve themselves into sickness through fear of eating every good-looking, good-smelling and good-tasting food because it does not agree with them.

The best thing to do is to fit yourself to digest any good food.

We believe we can relieve dyspepsia. We are so confident of this fact that we guarantee and promise to supply the medicine free of all cost to every one who will use it, who is not perfectly satisfied with the results which it produces. We exact no promises, and put no one under any obligation whatever. Surely nothing could be fairer. We are located right here and our reputation should be sufficient assurance of the genuineness of our offer.

We want everyone troubled with indigestion or dyspepsia in any form to come to our store and buy a box of Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets. Take them home and give them a reasonable trial according to directions. Then, if not satisfied come to us and get your money back. They are very pleasant to take; they aid to soothe the irritable stomach, to strengthen and invigorate the digestive organs, and to promote a healthy and natural bowel action, thus leading to perfect and healthy digestion and assimilation.

A 25c package of Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets furnishes 15 days' treatment. In ordinary cases this is sufficient to produce a cure. In more chronic cases a longer treatment of course is necessary, and depends on the severity of the trouble. For such cases, we have two larger sizes which sell for 50c and \$1.00. Remember, you can obtain Rexall Remedies in this community only at our store—The Rexall Store. Ford & Thomason.

Constipation brings many ailments in its train and is the primary cause of much sickness. Keep your bowels regular madam, and you will escape many of the ailments to which women are subject. Constipation is a very simple thing, but like many simple things, it may lead to serious consequences. Nature often needs a little assistance and when Chamberlain's Tablets are given at the first indication, much distress and suffering may be avoided. Sold by all druggists.

In cases of rheumatism relief from pain makes sleep and rest possible. This may be obtained by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by all druggists.

TRUTHFUL TEXANS

All Persons Inclined to Prevaricate Should Move to Texas Where Truth Abounds.

To the persons who come to Texas, the things we have, speak in such thundering tones that they can hardly hear anything we say, but telling the truth is one of the strong points of the Texan.

In fact, it is almost impossible for a man to tell an untruth about the magnificent resources and wonderful possibilities of Texas. With all our efforts to describe them, the half has never been told. Many citizens, wholly unreliable in other states, have moved to Texas, where their imagination can revel in pine forests greater in area than the wheat fields of the Dakotas, roam in cotton fields as large as half the New England States, wander over 50,000,000 acres of virgin prairies, explore mountains of minerals and inspect the foundation timbers of the greatest civilization the world has ever known, and they become perfectly honest and highly respectable citizens. Any person who has the least inclination to prevaricate should come to Texas, where the realities so far exceed the wildest fancies of the most vivid imagination, that it is almost impossible to exaggerate.

In fact, the Texan is, as a rule, very modest in his statements and is so afraid of overestimating the advantages and possibilities of his country, that his conservatism is frequently mistaken for ignorance, and he unconsciously allows his intellect to suffer in order to avoid the remotest suspicion of his morals; but the completion of the Panama Canal will open up such wonderful possibilities that we shall speak out with more courage.

We Are Energetic as Well as Truthful.

There is no more progressive citizen on the globe than the native Texan. He is by nature an architect and by practice a builder. Out of raw prairies and a howling wilderness he has erected a magnificent empire; he found cotton a weak and struggling industry and made it the king of products. He has taken the Texas steer, a wild, reckless denizen of the plains, and made of him a commanding genius of the world's markets.

EMPIRE BUILDING

The Currents of Civilization Flowing Texasward—69,000 Homeseekers and \$123,000,000 of Property Moving Into Texas Annually.

There is no more inspiring scene than to watch the growth of an empire, and no viewpoint is more instructive than to sit by the highway of civilization and watch the currents of progress sweep life and property Texasward.

Along the roadstead of nations there passes annually 69,000 homeseekers and \$123,000,000 of property. In this moving van of civilization can be heard the accents of every nation and the jostle of property from every clime. In this line of march can be seen the fiery haste of the East, the hurry and bustle of the North, the enterprise and enthusiasm of the West, the strange and powerful energy of Europe and the queer frugality of the Orient—all united in one thought and one purpose—to build in Texas the grandest civilization the world has ever known.

This mighty movement of world forces is the most tremendous event in human affairs today. This uprising in civilization is gathering its forces from the hills and valleys of two continents and its powerful sweep is startling the nations of the earth. No country on the globe ever possessed such a powerful asset, and economic students look with amazement upon this accumulation of human power in Texas, which must

Easter is Nearly Here



Sunday, April 7th

Have you selected your New Spring Hat? Our store has been crowded all week with customers, most all of whom have given their order for an Easter Bonnet.

We urge you to come quick and make your selection of some of the beautiful creations on display. Should our trimmer, Miss Hamlett is unable to please you with anything in stock she will take great pleasure in making up a hat just to your particular taste.

We have hundreds of styles to select from.

We have sold quite a few hats to people living in Dallas and Fort Worth, and these customers state frankly our hats are prettier and at about one-half the price they are required to pay in the cities.

Visit the store and examine the beautiful creations.

We guarantee to please you and at a great saving in price.

Lillard's Mississippi Store, Decatur

inevitably result in recasting the civilization of the whole world.

In a decade our immigration has given our population exceeding that of the States of New Hampshire, Vermont or Delaware, and the money moved into the state during this period has exceeded the assessed value of all property in all the above states combined. Our population and wealth increased so rapidly that the figures are too large to grasp, and we must measure our growth by States and Nations.

Ambitious.

A colored elevator boy at Bretton hall remarked proudly to one of the guests whom he often encountered: "I'm going to quit this job next week and go in business for myself. I'm going to run a restaurant." "Is that so?" replied the guest. "Now, that's fine," he went on. "You're ambitious." "Yes, I'm ambitious to eat."—Exchange.

"Our baby cries for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. T. B. Kendrick, Rasaca, Ga. "It is the best cough remedy on the market for coughs, colds and croup." For sale by all druggists.

Bad breath, bitter taste, dizziness and a general "no account" feeling is a sure sign of a torpid liver. Herbine is the medicine needed. It makes the liver active, vitalizes the blood, regulates the bowels and restores a fine feeling of energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by Man & Simons.

Try Our Want Ads

Devoe Takes Least Gallons: Always.

Paint Devoe; it's the cheapest paint in the world: never mind the price; it may or may not be more. Less gallons will paint the house; and the paint will outwear anything.

Skip wear; you've got to wait to find that out. It covers more; you haven't got to wait to find that out.

It's the cheapest of all; no matter about the price.

N R Watkins, Lott, Texas, used 13 gallons on his house before; bought 13 gallons Devoe for same house and had 6 left.

C B Edwards, of Edwards & Broughton, printers, Raleigh, N C, used 30 gallons paste paint on his house; bought 30 gallons Devoe for same house and had 16 left.

That's how.

Sold by Ford & Thomason.

Oley Kocks.

Cream a pound of butter with one of sugar, whipping it light. Stir into it a quart of milk and a cupful of yeast with a quart of flour. Let it rise all night. In the morning add four eggs, well beaten, with two teaspoonfuls of cinnamon, and the same of mace or nutmeg. Add, last, two cupfuls of flour, or enough to make the mixture as stiff as soft bread dough. Set to rise again. It should be light in three hours. Then roll into a sheet an inch thick and cut into shapes with tin cutters. Fry in deep fat.

As fast as they are done and of a rich golden brown, take up with a skimmer and lay to drain in a colander. Sift powdered sugar over them while they are hot.

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State of Texas,
County of Wise.

GREETING:—

To all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the N. E. 1-2 Block 42, Bell County school land, and to the unknown heirs of C. H. Oliver, deceased. You are hereby notified to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Wise County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Decatur, Texas, on the 27th day of May, A. D. 1912, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 4th day of April, A. D. 1912, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1141, wherein the State of Texas is Plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of C. H. Oliver are Defendants, and you are hereby commanded to appear and defend said suit, showing cause why said land should not be condemned and ordering foreclosure and sale of same for the taxes, interest and penalty and cost due for the year 1910. Said land being situated in Wise County, Texas, being N. E. 1-2 of Block 42, Bell County school land.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Decatur, Texas, this the 4th day of April, A. D. 1912.

LORY D. WHITE, Clerk,
(5-24) District Court, Wise County.

Lame shoulder is nearly always due to rheumatism of the muscles, and quickly yields to the free application of Chamberlain's Liniment For sale by all druggists.

AMERICAN BEAUTY CORSETS

bring out to advantage the graceful lines of one's form and correct any figure imperfection with perfect freedom and comfort. These corsets include all the desirable ideas known to the world's best corset designers, which results in a stylish garment with superb fitting qualities.

AMERICAN BEAUTY CORSETS

KALAMAZOO CORSET CO., Exclusive Makers
For the woman of large figure as well as for those of medium or slender form.

Mississippi Store, Decatur

A New Ideal.

Mrs. Withers—I'm so glad, mother; I know John's going to do better. He must surely have been at the Reverend Sadsmile's revival last night.

Mother—What's put that into your head?
Mrs. Withers—Why, after he came to bed he kept talking in his sleep about "that last trump" and his "miserable worthless heart" so anxiously that I fairly cried for the poor fellow. I'm so glad, mother.

THE ORIGINAL LAXATIVE COUGH SYRUP
KENNEDY'S LAXATIVE
CONTAINING HONEY AND TAR